

LOWDEN CHIEF "DARK HORSE"

Illinois Governor Considered Likeliest Compromise Nominee.

FACTIONS MAY RALLY

Plays Shrewdest Politics of All Candidates for Republican Preference.

By FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE.
Gov. Frank O. Lowden today ranks, by general consent, as the outstanding compromise candidate at the Republican National Convention. Views to that effect have prevailed in Washington for more than a week past. They now have reached a point of persistence where they require to be chronicled as the conspicuous feature on the pre-convention horizon.

The prediction is ventured that if the convention were to be held this week instead of three weeks hence, Lowden certainly would be nominated. That is another way of saying that the pendulum may be swinging in an entirely different direction by the time delegates assemble on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Unquestionably the belief has become widespread—it prevails in political centers like New York and Philadelphia, as well as Washington—that Lowden is the man around whom radical, progressive and conservative Republicans are most likely to rally at Chicago.

New Real Dark Horse.
He looms today as the real dark horse. Even if Wood or Johnson increases his delegate strength in consequence of impending primaries in Oregon and West Virginia, the logic of the situation is analyzed by impartial diagnosticians as pointing clearly to the Illinois governor as the Chicago nominee.

Lowden stock has risen perceptibly and steadily ever since the spectacular primaries in Michigan and California. Politicians meantime have taken dispassionate stock of the most problematical conditions that have confronted the G. O. P. in contemporary times. They came suddenly to the conclusion that while his chief rivals Wood and Johnson, were winning sensational victories in the primaries, Lowden, after all, was playing the shrewdest politics of them all.

All candidates for the Republican nomination began their campaigns in the harmony spirit. They protested unselfish anxiety that only the "best man" should win. Bitter animosities nevertheless were engendered. The Old Guard observed them with equanimity. It gratified Senator Boies Penrose and his conferees to see Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Roosevelt's running mate in 1912, taking the field in fierce war paint against Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood. It entirely suited the Old Guard book that Johnson should become strong enough to head Wood

'Evening,' He Says,
And 'I Love You';
Vet, 82, Fined \$5

Rejected by the woman he said he loved, and later arrested and brought into court on her complaint that he was annoying her, Frederick Rice, an 82-year-old civil war veteran, swore to Judge McMahon in Police Court Tuesday that he would never again look at her. He paid a fine of \$5 as a guarantee.

LONG SUFFRAGE FIGHT LOOMS IN LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge, La., May 21.—A long-drawn-out fight on suffrage is now in sight at the Louisiana capital. Failure to name committees of either house or senate and adjournment yesterday until next Monday night means delaying of all action for at least another week, and probably two weeks. Hearings before committees will occupy next week.

The impression continues to grow that ratification is defeated. Mrs. Lydia Wickliffe Holmes and Miss Vivian Pierce, leaders of ratification, declined the joint debate invitation of the lower house, it being proposed that they meet Miss Kate Gordon and Miss Charlotte Rowe.

Pershing Boomers Quit.

Chicago, May 21.—Gen. John J. Pershing disappeared from the list of Republican "dark horse" possibilities when the option on a suite of rooms here to be used as his political headquarters was canceled by the Woods brothers, of Nebraska, who managed his campaign in that State.

off, and, if in the end, they should kill each other off.

The situation on the eve of the convention is of mutual annihilation, stand out as the leaders for the nomination in delegate strength. But in the race to achieve eminence they have created acrimonious antagonisms. It is into that faction-torn arena that Gov. Lowden now rides—the McKinley of the hour, the man who has made no enemies. He has not been violently pro or violently con anything. He bears the hallmark of the sainted Roosevelt's approval, like Wood and Johnson themselves, for the colonel visited the governor at Springfield in 1918 and, learning of his Presidential aspirations, gave them his political blessing.

Lowden has contested primaries in five different States with Wood and Johnson, and, though his total vote in them was only 20,000 less than Wood's and 20,000 more than Johnson's, the governor made his fight in every case without alienating or offending either of his antagonists or other supporters. (Public Ledger Service.)

"SCHOOL DAYS"

By DWIG



Farmers in Cape Charles Region Aim To Put Crimp in H. C. L. by Growing Greatest White Potato Crop in History

Cape Charles, Va., May 21.—The farmers of Accomac and Northampton Counties of Virginia are preparing for one of the largest white potato crops ever known in the history of the Eastern Shore.

Heavy frost slightly damaged many of the fields but with no further set-backs, the farmers are expecting a record yield. This section of Virginia is known to be the largest potato growing country in the United States.

To give an idea of the extensive growing of potatoes here, one grower has planted 1400 barrels of seed potatoes, and he expects to get a yield of at least 10,000 barrels. This

farmer expended more than \$21,000 this spring in fertilizer for his farm. If the average price of these potatoes will yield as good as last year, he estimates he will receive \$75,000. Many other farmers in the two counties are growing as extensively as this man.

Before the building of the N. Y. P. & N. R. R. farmers of this section of Virginia had to depend entirely on water transportation to get their immense crops of potatoes to market, but now, many trainloads of potatoes are sent from this section during the season. The crop of Accomac and Northampton Counties runs into millions of dollars each year.

One thing that is worrying the

growers is the question of getting barrels in which to ship the potatoes. The prices which are being charged for barrels is so excessive as to cause many growers uneasiness as to whether or not it will pay them to ship potatoes in barrels or bags, or to try the experiment of shipping the tubers loose, in carload lots.

The present quotation on barrels is \$1.05 to \$1.15 each.

Names Keegan Supply Officer.

Richmond, Va., May 21.—Major Edward J. Keegan has been appointed supply officer of the Virginia National Guard by Governor Davis. Major Keegan recently resigned from the Reserve Officers Corps. Accompanied by Adj. Gen. Jo Lane Stern, he left for Camp Lee today to make final arrangements for the State encampment to be held there in July.

ADMITS THEFT OF \$1,200,000

Expert of "Jimmy Valentine" Type Tells Court Of Gang Leadership.

New York, May 21.—About to be tried as a common thief, a youth of 23 got up in court here and calmly told judge and jury he was much more than that, to wit: A million-dollar "Jimmy Valentine" of the highly expert type, and incidentally a leader in his profession, having held undisputed sway over a gang of a dozen crooks, with whose "co-operation" he relieved safes in New York's financial district of \$1,200,000 worth of cash, jewelry and gilt-edge securities.

The youth is Richard Armstrong, a Brooklynite, who, with ten other cracksmen, was arrested April 12, and ever since has sulkily stood pat on his plea of not guilty to three charges, until today, just after the jury had been completed, he changed his plea to guilty of third degree burglary and turned informer against himself and his brethren of the craft.

Richards displayed a set of remarkably long, thin, wiry fingers, with the tips sandpapered to razor-sharp edges and the nails closely clipped, all this to help make the fingers so sensitive of touch that they would feel the vibration of the tumblers within the safe as he worked the combination.

The biggest haul of the Armstrong gang amounted to \$250,000 from the Fifth Avenue Building last January.

145 Births, 89 Deaths Is Report for Week

One hundred and forty-five births were recorded by the District health department for the week ended May 15, against 89 deaths for the same period of time, according to the department's weekly report, issued yesterday.

Forty-nine new cases of chicken-pox were reported during the week, bringing the total number of cases of that disease under care to 299. The District pound force pursued its activities in the capture of stray dogs by taking 69. Twenty-one additional dogs were surrendered by their owners to be killed. Twenty-four cats were collected and killed.

Autopsy Shows Boxer Died from Hemorrhage

Cumberland, Md., May 21.—According to word received here, Battling Bob Holmes was released by the authorities of Wheeling, W. Va., following his arrest, in connection with the death of Major T. Lee, a colored boxer of this city.

The men fought in Wheeling Tuesday night and Lee collapsed in the ring. The autopsy showed that Lee was suffering from hardening of the arteries. During the match a hemorrhage occurred and a second fatal hemorrhage developed in the brain.

MARKSMEN WILL TRY FOR DISTRICT TEAM

Plans for the selection of a team from the District to compete in the National Rifle matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in August, were made by the board of commissioners yesterday.

Open try-outs at the District National Guard range, June 19 and 25, were suggested by Commissioner Brownlow. Sixteen men will make up the team. Rules for the tryouts will be the same as those at the National matches. Brig. Gen. Anton Stephan, head of the District National Guard, will supervise training.

Veterans Elect Dr. J. M. Heller.

Dr. Joseph M. Heller was elected surgeon general of the National Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, at a meeting of the executive committee at the Waldorf Astoria, New York city.

DOCTOR'S OATH WINS OVER 7 POLICEMEN

Even though seven police officers in Police Court yesterday, Edgar R. Beckley, a member of the Home Defense League, residing at 277 U street northwest, was driving his automobile at night without lights. Judge Hardison refused to convict the physician of the charge. The judge said his action was taken because of personal feeling on part of Policeman F. R. Reh and six others who participated in the arrest of Dr. Beckley at Seventh and Florida avenue northwest on Thursday night.

The physician had no witnesses. He said his lights went out when his machine jolted across the car tracks.

Police of New York, Baltimore and Chicago are adopting a system of obtaining children's footprints to facilitate finding him in case a child is lost.

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